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FOR EB/TT - JOHN MEADOWS

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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: POSSIBLE TRADE BY PAN AM AND TWA OF
NEW YORK TO VIENNA SERVICE

REF : VIENNA 10332 (NOTAL)

1. WALTER LOY, RESIDENT PAN AM REP, WAS ADVISED LAST NIGHT BY PAN AM'S LONDON OFFICE THAT PAN AM AND TWA HAD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PROPOSAL TO CAB INVOLVING TERMINATION OF PAN AM'S SERVICE TO VIENNA AND INITIATION OF TWA SERVICE TO VIENNA. LOY INFORMED EMBASSY OF FOREGOING THIS MORNING EXPLAINING THAT PROPOSAL WAS PART OF CONSOLIDATION AND ROUTE-SWAPPING PACKAGE WHICH PAN AM AND TWA HAD SUBMITTED TO CAB LAST OCTOBER 22. LOY COMMENTED THAT OUTSTANDING ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO AIRLINES HAD BEEN QUESTION OF TURNAROUND SERVICE FROM LOS ANGELES TO HONOLULU, THAT BOTH CARRIERS HAD NOW
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AGREED TO ELIMINATE THIS SERVICE, AND THAT IN LIEU

THEREOF PAN AM WOULD STOP FLYING TO VIENNA AND TWA WOULD SERVE VIENNA INSTEAD.

2. LOY SAID THAT IT WAS OF COURSE NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT CAB WOULD APPROVE PROPOSAL, BUT FELT CERTAIN THAT NEWS OF POSSIBLE PAN AM-TWA VIENNA SWITCH WOULD SOONER OR LATER REACH GENERAL PUBLIC, GOA OFFICIALS AND PRESS. HE THEREFORE WANTED EMBASSY TO BE FULLY APPRISED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SUBSTANCE REFTEL, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT AUSTRIA'S APPARENT DETERMINATION TO REQUEST FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US ON FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS WILL BE STRENGTHENED WHEN THEY LEARN THE USG MAY DESIGNATE NEW CARRIER TO SERVICE VIENNA. MOREOVER, IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THERE WOULD BE LITTLE INCENTIVE FOR AUA TO MAKE SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS FIFTH FREEDOM SUBJECT WITH PAN AM BEFORE ENTERING FORMAL CONSULTATIONS (PARA 5 REFTEL). EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES THAT IT MAY BE DESIRABLE FROM USG VIEWPOINT TO HEAD OFF FORMAL GOA REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT WE NOW HAVE BEEN TOLD BY FOREIGN OFFICE THAT FORMAL NOTE THIS SUBJECT IS IN THE WORKS. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY SHOULD ALERT GOA IMMEDIATELY REGARDING PAN AM-TWA SWITCH PROPOSAL SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST IF GOA FIRST LEARNS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FROM THE PUBLIC MEDIA.

4. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED ASAP.
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